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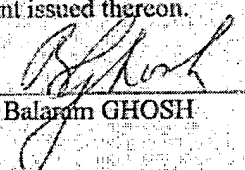
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SERIAL NO. : 10/814,002 ART UNIT : 1637  
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FOR GENE VARIANTS OF SIGNAL TRANSDUCER AND  
ACTIVATOR OF TRANSCRIPTION-6 (STAT 6) VARIANTS  
AND PROCESS OF DETECTING THE SAME

DECLARATION BY BALARAM GHOSH

I, Balram GHOSH declare as follows:

- 1.) I am a co-inventor of the subject application for patent.
- 2.) I am familiar with the Office Action of February 17, 2009 in the subject application wherein claims 110 and 117 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) based on the published article in the *Journal of Human Genetics*, Volume 47, pages 684-687 (2002), entitled Identification of single-nucleotide and repeat polymorphisms in two candidate genes, interleukin 4 receptor (IL4RA) and signal transducer and activator of transcription protein 6 (STAT6), for Th2-mediated diseases.
- 3.) I am a co-author of that article along with Rana Nagarkatti.
- 4.) I declare that the above-identified *Journal of Human Genetics* article describes my own work.
- 5.) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 10-7-09

  
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